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put ashore at Panama. Both steamers have heavy passenger lists.  
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ROSENAU,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*The Berlin leprosy conference.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, June 7, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary of State, to transmit herewith, for the information of the Supervising Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service, and of the Commissioner-General of Immigration of your Department, copies of a note of the 21st ultimo from the ambassador of Germany at this capital, relative to an international conference which is to be held at Berlin in October next to discuss the leprosy question.

Respectfully, yours,

WILLIAM R. DAY,  
*Assistant Secretary.*

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure No. 1.—Translation.]

IMPERIAL GERMAN EMBASSY, Washington, May 21, 1897.

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

During the period from the 11th to the 16th of October of this year, an international conference will be held in Berlin to discuss the leprosy question, concerning which more detailed information is contained in the inclosed four copies of the program. This program gives especial information on the subject of the lectures proposed to be delivered at the conference and a form of application to take part therein (contained in the envelope addressed to Dr. Kübler) is herewith annexed.

Pursuant to instructions from the Imperial Government, I have the honor to request that you be good enough to cause in the most suitable way the greatest possible publicity to be given to the invitation to this conference and to its program.

I avail myself, etc.,

THIELMANN.

His Excellency JOHN SHERMAN, *Secretary of State.*

[Inclosure No. 2.—Translated at Marine-Hospital Service Bureau.]

*Invitation to and program of the leprosy conference, Berlin, October, 1897.*

INVITATION.

The interest of scientific circles has of late been more and more directed to the question of the spread of leprosy. Public attention has also been actively concerned with it. It appears to us, therefore, that the favorable moment has arrived for directing united action along the proper lines. We, therefore, suggest that the slow but gradual spread of the disease be checked by appropriate measures. We are unanimously of the opinion that advantageous results in this sphere of action can be obtained only by means of a definite program in the highest degree simple and practicable as regards the end proposed and the measures to be accomplished.

In this spirit we have the honor to invite you to be present at a conference on the leprosy question, to be held in the month of October, 1897, at Berlin. Further information will be found in the inclosed program. The work proposed has been undertaken by the undersigned.

Dr. E. EHLERS, Copenhagen.  
Dr. G. ARMAUER-HANSEN, Bergen.  
Dr. R. KOCH, Berlin.  
Dr. O. LASSAR, Berlin.

Address:

Dr. E. EHLERS,  
*No. 6 Laxegade, Copenhagen.*

PROGRAM FOR THE LEPROSY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT BERLIN IN OCTOBER, 1897.

The sessions will open Monday, October 11, 1897, and close on Saturday, October 16. The discussions will be held at the sessions hall of the Imperial Bureau of Health, at 19-20 Klopstock street, Berlin, which has been placed by the government at the disposal of the conference. The time for the general session is fixed from 11 to 2 o'clock, in order to permit the members to make other addresses and to allow time for the sittings of committees. The meeting shall include an exposition of all articles connected with the leprosy investigation.

The object of the conference is primarily the scientific study of the leprosy question and of the most advisable means for preventing the outbreak and spread of the disease. As far as possible the results of the discussion shall be so formulated as to form the basis of further legislation and international action. The scientific matter in hand shall be so treated by the conference that all the governments concerned may be enlightened as to the measures to be taken by them. Scientific international concert is therefore the peculiar task of the leprosy conference and state medicine its ultimate object.

In order to the attainment of this purpose all recognized authorities on leprosy are cordially invited to participate in the conference. Inasmuch as a large number of these gentlemen have signified their acceptance, the undertaking and its results are assured.

The scheme of work has already been for the most part agreed upon. The separate questions shall be elaborated previously by the several members, and each communication shall be accompanied by a thesis for discussion. These communications, drawn up in one of the languages known to the several speakers, viz: English, German, and French—shall be transmitted to Prof. Dr. O. Lassar, No. 19, Karlstrasse, Berlin, N. W., for printing, and shall be sent after publication to all the members participating in the conference. In this way all the members will be in a position to take part in the discussions, and to propose or oppose resolutions. The printed papers will not be read in conference. This arrangement will be a saving of time and trouble, and the members will not be restricted as to the length or literary style of their reports. The papers contributed, together with the report of the proceedings of the conference, shall form a literary memorial of the work of the conference and shall be regarded as valuable manuscripts held in trust, and not to be further made public. Tables and diagrams shall, as far as possible, be returned.

The themes are named as follows. They are, with some alterations, the same that have been already treated by the gentlemen to whom they are assigned. As a matter of course, the program is open to alteration and improvement at the suggestion of the expected participants, learned societies, or State governments. The committee is prepared to receive further propositions. It will also be grateful for any suggestion, personal or departmental, which might further the object of the leprosy conference.

THEMES.

- I. The position of leprosy among infectious diseases—ROBERT KOCH.
- II. Pathological anatomy of leprosy—RUDOLF VIRCHOW.
- III. Histology of leprosy—P. G. UNNA, Hamburg.
- IV. How far are we justified in considering the leprosy bacillus as the cause of the disease?—A. NEISSER, Breslau.
- V. Attempts at the culture of the bacillus of leprosy—R. CAMPANA, Rome.
- VI. Etiology. 1. Heredity. 2. Transmissibility—E. BESNIER, Paris.
- VII. Alimentation and leprosy—J. HUTCHINSON, London.
- VIII. The question of inoculability—H. KÖBNER, Berlin.
- IX. Is leprosy conveyed from man to man directly or indirectly?—LIE, Bergen.
- X. The demonstrable results of immigration and emigration as regards the leprosy question—E. ARNING, Hamburg.
- XI. Leprosy brought from the colonies to the great cities of Europe—HALLOPEAU, Paris.
- XII. Outlook from the point of view of therapy—O. LASSAR, Berlin.
- XIII. Leprosy of the eyes—BARTHÉN, Drontheim.
- XIV. Visceral leprosy—DOUTRELEPONT, Bonn.
- XV. The anæsthetic forms—LOOFT, Bergen.
- XVI. Relation existing between syringomyelia, Morvan's evil, ainhum, and leprosy—ZAMBACO PACHA, Constantinople.
- XVII. Facultative or obligatory isolation—ARMAUDER HANSEN, Bergen.

XVIII. The best plan for leper hospitals—O. VON PETERSEN, St. Petersburg.

XIX. The founding of leper communities—KIRCHNER, Berlin.

XX. Nomenclature—DEHIO, Dorpat.

XXI. History of leprosy—Dr. E. LESSER, Berlin.

XXII. Geography of leprosy—

1. General considerations—Dr. KÜBLER, Berlin.
2. Norway—Dr. ARMAUER-HANSEN, Bergen.
3. Sweden—Dr. SEDERHOLM, Stockholm.
4. Denmark—Dr. E. EHLERS, Copenhagen.
5. Russia—Dr. POSPELOFF, Moscow.
- (Special, Finland)—Dr. FAGERLUND, Helsingfors.
6. Turkey—Dr. VON DURING, Constantinople.
7. Greece—Dr. ROSOLIMOS, Athens.
8. Bulgaria—Dr. BOGUMIL BERNI, Sofia.
9. Roumania—Dr. KALINDERO, Bucharest.
10. Hungary—Dr. SCHWIMMER.
11. Austria—Dr. KAPOSI.
12. Germany—Dr. BLASCHKO, Berlin.
13. Italy—Dr. PELLIZZARI, Florence.
14. Spain—Dr. ZURIAGA, Valencia.
15. Portugal—Dr. ZEFERINO FALCAO, Lisbon.
16. France and her colonies—Dr. FEULARD, Paris.
17. England and her colonies—Dr. PHINEAS ABRAHAM, London.
18. Holland and her colonies—Dr. BROES VAN DORT, Rotterdam.
19. Belgium and Congo—Dr. BAYET, Brussels.
20. Canada—Dr. A. C. SMITH, Montreal.
21. United States of America—Dr. WHITE, Boston.
22. Central America—Vacant.
23. West Indies—Dr. NUMA RAT, St. Kitts.
24. Ecuador—Vacant.
25. Colombia—Dr. CARASQUILLA, Bogota.
26. Chile—Dr. VALDES MOREL, Santiago.
27. Argentina—Dr. SOMMER, Buenos Ayres.
28. Brazil—Dr. SILVA ARANJO, Rio de Janeiro.
29. Madeira—Dr. GOLDSCHMIDT, Paris.
30. South Africa—Dr. IMPEY, Kapstadt.
31. German Africa—Dr. SCHÖN, Berlin.
32. Egypt—Dr. ENGEL BEY, Cairo.
33. China—Dr. KERR, Canton.
34. Japan—Dr. KITASATO, Tokyo.
35. Oceanica—Dr. MAURITZ, Hawaii.

#### THE EXHIBITION

Which will be connected with the leprosy conference will take place in the rooms of the Imperial Bureau of Health, 19-20 Klopstock street. It will include scientific objects catalogued as follows:

- I. Anatomy and pathology.
- II. Micrology.
- III. Photography.
- IV. Charts and maps.
- V. Bibliography.

It is requested that such articles be abundantly furnished. Dr. Kübler, member of the Imperial Bureau of Health, has kindly undertaken the charge of the exhibition.

In sending contributions use the inclosed form:

#### FORM.

The undersigned contributes to the Exhibition of the Leprosy Conference for the groups of:

- I. Anatomy and casts.
- II. Micrology.
- III. Photography.
- IV. Maps and charts.
- V. Bibliography.

The space desired is:

— meters of table surface.

— meters of wall surface.

The articles will be forwarded—

by post —, ,

by freight—, ,

Not later than September 15.

Name: —

Place: —

Address: —

In accordance with the foregoing invitation, Passed Assistant Surgeon J. J. Kinyoun has been detailed and appointed to represent the Marine-Hospital Service at this conference.

*Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, December 29, 1896, to July 16, 1897.\**

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
<b>Alabama:</b>				
Birmingham.....	May 8.....	1	.....	
Mobile.....	Dec. 28-Jan. 28....	2	.....	
	Mar. 28.....	1	.....	
	Apr. 17.....	1	.....	
	May 21.....	1	.....	
	May 31.....	1	.....	
Union Springs.....	Mar. 21.....		1	
<b>Connecticut:</b>				
New Haven.....	Feb. 17.....	1	.....	
<b>Florida:</b>				
Pensacola.....	Jan. 19-Feb. 20....	13	.....	12 varioloid.
	Feb. 28-Mar. 10....	14	.....	Varioloid.
	Mar. 27-Apr. 3.....	3	.....	Do.
	Apr. 10-May 1.....	10	.....	Do.
	May 2-May 22.....	7	.....	Do.
	May 29-June 5.....	2	.....	1 case varioloid.
	July 4-July 10....			
Escambia County (not including Pensacola).....	Dec. 2-Jan. 19....	18	.....	
<b>Illinois:</b>				
Chicago.....	Mar. 25.....			Smallpox reported; brought from Mexico.
	Mar. 27-Apr. 3.....		1	
	Apr. 10-Apr. 17....	2	.....	
	May 8-May 15.....		1	
<b>Indiana:</b>				
Greenwood.....	Feb. 12.....	1	.....	
<b>Massachusetts:</b>				
Boston.....	May 1-May 8.....	4	.....	
	May 22-May 29....	1	.....	
Cambridge.....	June 6-June 26....	3	.....	Varioloid. 1 smallpox.
Gloucester.....	June 19-June 26....	1	2	
New Bedford.....	Apr. 10-Apr. 17....	1	.....	
<b>Michigan:</b>				
Blissfield Township.....	Mar. 27-Apr. 10....			Smallpox reported.
	Apr. 17-May 1.....			Do.
<b>Missouri:</b>				
St. Louis.....	April 29.....	2	.....	
	May 1-May 22....	2	3	
<b>New York:</b>				
Brooklyn.....	Apr. 24-June 26....	5	2	
	June 27-July 3.....	1	.....	
New York.....	Mar. 1-Mar. 31....		2	Do.
	Apr. 17-May 15....		10	
	June 13-June 19....		3	
	July 4-July 10....		1	
<b>Ohio:</b>				
Toledo.....	Apr. 1-May 31....	14	2	
<b>Pennsylvania:</b>				
Drifton.....	Apr. 6.....	1	.....	
<b>Tennessee:</b>				
Memphis.....	Apr. 1-June 26....	21	.....	
	July 4-July 10....	2	.....	
<b>Washington:</b>				
Tacoma.....	Feb. 6.....	1	.....	
Olympia.....	Mar. 1.....	1	.....	

\* For table of smallpox in the United States, etc., May 9, 1896, to December 29, 1896, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS, Vol. XII, No. 1.